

II. Remarks

The Examiner is requested to enter the amendment and reconsider the application. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Formal Drawings were submitted on May 24, 2002, included Figures 1 and 3, corresponding to the Certificate of Correction issued in the parent application, U.S. Patent No. 5,956,491. The Examiner indicated that she would treat this filing of the Formal Drawings as an Amendment to the Drawings, and Applicant thanks the Examiner for that accommodation. It is believed that no new matter has been added.

Applicant filed two 1449 forms on June 10, 2005. Although it was believed that the cited art was previously filed, out of an abundance of caution, Applicant provided the Examiner with copies of the art cited in those 1449 forms.

In addition, as the Examiner is aware, the parent to the instant patent application has been asserted against America Online. Information from the litigation was provided to the Examiner on June 9, 2005, and a 1449 form listing that information is being filed herewith. Further or more up to date information concerning the litigation can be found by contacting the Clerk of Court for the Northern District of Illinois, with certain information believed to be available over the Internet.

Applicant also expresses gratitude for the Examiner's extensive efforts in handling the present application. The Examiner has shown distinguished comprehension of the application, claims, cited art and other filings, all of which is greatly appreciated. As discussed with the Examiner, for ease of examination, the order of the dependent claims has been changed into blocks corresponding to the independent claims, and for the convenience of the Examiner, a clean copy of the amended claims is included herewith.

The preceding Office Action rejecting claims has been addressed with the previous Response, and the Remarks therein are applicable to the claims amended and added herein as well, but in truth, the instant amendment does not correspond to any rejection.

Claims pending prior to this amendment are intended to be taken up in a subsequent continuing application, and it is respectfully requested that exigencies of litigation not be confused with prosecution estoppel.

Respectfully, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and favorable action is requested. If the prosecution of this case can be in any way advanced by a telephone discussion or by a personal interview, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (312) 240-0824. The undersigned respectfully requests an opportunity to meet with the Examiner should it be helpful in furthering prosecution.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the above-identified patent application or credit any overcharges to Deposit Account No. 50-0235, and if any extension of time is needed, this shall be deemed a petition therefore. Please direct all communication to the undersigned at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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